that it was also removed to some other place, so that now the people there had neither the one nor the other.

Reply.—Government see no reason to change the orders already passed in this matter.

348. High assessment on wet lands in West Kallada proverthy.

Mr. N. Govinda Pillai represented that the people of West Kallada suffered much on account of the high assessment imposed on their wet lands without taking into consideration the quality of the soil.

Reply.—The taluk is under settlement. You may make your representations to the Settlement Peishkar when the rates are fixed and he will consider them.

349. Provision of a bridge or at least two logs of teak-wood across Muzhikadavu in Vallikode.

Mr. N. Govinda Pillai prayed that favourable orders might be passed on this representation.

Reply.—From the very nature of the prayer, the bridge appears to be unnecessary. As for the logs of wood, they may be easily supplied by the people themselves or applied for to the authorities concerned.

350. Imposition of high taxes on wet and dry lands.

Mr. N. Krishnan Oonnithan (*Kunnattur*) said that as regards garden lands the registering officers originally fixed the 12th and 13th *tarams*, but these were subsequently converted into the 10th and 11th behind the back of the ryots and much to their detriment. Even if the rates had continued to be the same as originally fixed, the present tax would not have been less than that realised under the old Payattupattom rates. He, therefore, prayed that Government might pay their kind attention to this matter in which the people had cause for real grievance and be pleased to pass favourable orders. The assessment on wet lands was also high.

Reply.—The settlement of the taluk not being over, this will be considered by the Settlement Peishkar.

351. Restoration of the Salt Bankshall at the Anantharamapuram market.

Mr. N. Krishnan Oonnithan represented that by the abolition of

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the salt bankshall at this market, poor people had been deprived of the facility of buying salt at cheap rates and requested that the bankshall might therefore be restored.

Reply.—Many merchants have already taken to salt trade. The Excise Commissioner who inspected the place recently did not receive any complaint on this account. As I already said, the existing arrangement has to be given a fair trial.

PATHANAPURAM TALUK.

352. Abolition of payment of tax in kind on the wet lands belonging to the Pattazhi Devaswom.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran (Pathanapuram) observed that Pattazhi Devaswom was under the management of Government and he saw no reason why the benefit of the recent proceedings converting paddy tax into money at 11 chs. per parah should not be extended to the lands belonging to this Devaswom also.

Reply.—Though this Devaswom is under Government management, its lands are not incorporated with the State funds and hence they cannot be governed by the provisions of the recent proceedings.

353. Opening of certain roads in Pathanapuram.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran suggested that two roads might be newly constructed, *viz.*, from Avaniswaram Railway station to Kalayapuram and from the same station to Pathanapuram, and also that the village road from the Vettikavala temple to the Anchal market might be improved and rendered cartable.

Reply.—The first two roads are included in the programme of works already referred to. No works are necessary for the third, there being already a village road.

354. Opening of an English School at Pathanapuram.

Mr. Padmanabhan Parameswaran and Mr. Narayanan Velayudhan spoke on the necessity of establishing an English school in Pathanapuram. They said that, if Government were not prepared to establish one, they would put up a school themselves and it would be enough if it be liberally aided by Government.

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